A Decades Long Occult Quest

In their article *Occult Beliefs and the Far Right: The Case of the Order of Nine Angles* {1} Shanon Shah, Jane Cooper & Suzanne Newcombe quoted an item which included the phrase "decades-long",

> "a decades-long personal anados to engender in the initiate both esoteric, and exoteric, pathei mathos, and which pathei mathos is the beginning of wisdom."

As an author they cited R.Parker and a source: T.W.S. Nexion, *Mysterium* dated 2018. However, further research indicates that the quotation is by an anonymous author in a text titled *ONA 101* which was published on a now defunct blog in 2015. {2}

This raises two questions, the first concerning the apparent failure by some academics to do detailed research regarding the Order of Nine Angles (O9A, ONA) and the second more interesting and scholarly question of when or if the phrase was used in earlier, primary, O9A sources {3} and if it was so used then in what context.

Primary Sources For The Phrase

Research indicates that the context was first described in the 1990s by Stephen Brown - a/k/a Anton Long {4} - in a typed letter to Michael Aquino dated 20th October 1990 ev,

> "I, for one, do not believe there is a 'religious' solution to Adeptship and beyond - a gift, Infernal or otherwise. There is only self-experiencing, in the real and 'the magickal worlds, and that is it. Wisdom is acquired by the alchemical process of internal change over a period of time: the techniques developed by the ONA may shorten that time from several decades to perhaps a decade or just under, but they do not do away with it, just as those techniques make the possibility of such change available to all." {5}

In three later items, Anton Long used the exact phrase "decades-long". One in the text *The Methods and Tradition of The Seven Fold Way* published in 122 yfayen, that is 2011 CE,

> "For millennia, according to aural tradition, esoteric knowledge – the methods, the means, required for an individual to acquire wisdom – The Philosophers Stone (aka the stage of Immortal) - has been learnt from a few reclusive Adepts, with this knowledge being concerned with three traditional things: (i) the slow process of an internal, alchemical, decades-long change in the individual as a result of direct esoteric and exoteric personal experience and the learning from that experience - the numinous authority of pathei-mathos; (i) a certain and limited personal guidance – from one of those more experienced in such matters – on a direct individual basis (person to person), if such advice be sought; and (iii) the cultivation of the virtue of ἀρετή, manifest as this is in a noble, cultured, a learned, personal character." {6}

Another in the text *Our Sinister-Numinous Emanations*, also dated 122 yfayen,

> "By sinister-numinous is meant the perspective, the insight, the understanding that - traditionally and in terms of the Seven Fold Way - a Master or LadyMaster has acquired as a result of their decades-long Occult quest, of their passing through The Abyss and thus of having experienced and transmuted both numinous and sinister. Or, expressed in another non-esoteric way, it is the perspective that someone may acquire from pathei-mathos. This understanding is the prehension of personal wisdom, and personal wisdom itself is sinisterly-numinous; that is, a knowing and an experiencing of the unity (of sinister and numinous; light and dark) beyond the appearance of outward conflicting opposites." {7}

Also in the text 2011 text *The Discovery and Knowing of Satan*,

> "What matters is the individual developing, from their own years-long (mostly decades-long) practical experience, a personal weltanschauung: that is, discovering their own individual answers to certain questions concerning themselves, life, existence, the Occult, and the nature of Reality." {8}

Thus the historical and esoteric context was "the slow process of an internal, alchemical, decades-long change in the individual as a result of direct esoteric and exoteric personal experience and the learning from that experience" with the O9A hermetic, septenary, Seven Fold Way a possible praxis to reduce that time-scale to perhaps a decade, and which Seven Fold Way results in discovery their very own personal weltanschauung which betakes them beyond the O9A and thus far beyond satanism, however and by whomsoever defined, and far beyond politics and the desire to change that world by causal means.

Conclusion

The lack of academic and other research into the O9A using primary sources, and the personal opinions, and assumptions, of others about the O9A spread by means of modern mediums, is no surprise and will doubtless continue for decades. As someone recently wrote:

> "The committance by so many, in this era of the Internet and of Mass Media, of fallacies of reasoning seems to be indicative of how the standards of the West, intellectual and otherwise, have declined, with logical reasoning, scholarly research, fairness, and intellectual rigour replaced by propaganda, emotive opinion and

> the widespread use, intentionally or from ignorance, of fallacies such as Ad Populum, Argumentum ad Hominem, illicit Transference, Incomplete Evidence and Appeal To Authority." {9}

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{1} https://doi.org/10.1080/1057610X.2023.2195065

{2} https://web.archive.org/web/20150925134443/https://omega9alpha.wordpress.com/o9a-101/

The original text is included here as Appendix I.

{3} As noted in *Analysing The Order Of Nine Angles*,

> "O9A primary sources are arguably - qv. Part Part Three, The Question Of O9A Primary Sources - the writings of Anton Long, the founder of the O9A, and who, in the 1989 Naos collection of typescripts, was the first to write about the practical Seven Fold Way with its tasks of External and Internal Adept, its Star Game, its practical challenges..." https://archive.org/download/o9a-colin/2024-o9a-colin.pdf

{4} Anton Long Interview, March 2023, https://archive.org/download/anton-long-interview-2023/anton-long-interview-2023.pdf

> Question: So you admit to using the 'nyms Thorold West and Stephen Brown.
> Answer: Yes, as I always have, when politely asked in private.
> Question: Only them?
> Answer: Cèrtainement.

{5} The letter is reproduced in facsimile in *The Satanic Letters of Stephen Brown*, volume I, https://archive.org/download/satanicletters-1/satanicletters-1.pdf

{6} p.162 of the compilation *Order of Nine Angles: Five-Dimensional Dark Sorcery*, https://archive.org/download/o-9-a-website-archive-2012/O9A-Website-Archive-2012.pdf

{7} p.265 of *The Order of Nine Angles: Five-Dimensional Dark Sorcery*, op.cit.

{8} https://lapisphilosophicus.wordpress.com/2013/02/08/the-discovery-and-knowing-of-satan/

{9} *Fairness, Fallacies, And The Cræft Of Research*, https://archive.org/download/craeft-of-research/Cr%C3%A6ft-Of-Research.pdf

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